

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

LAWRENCE WILLIAMS,

Plaintiff,

No. CIV S-03-2518 FCD DAD P

vs.

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER

Plaintiff has requested the appointment of counsel. The United States Supreme Court has ruled that district courts lack authority to require counsel to represent indigent prisoners in § 1983 cases. Mallard v. United States Dist. Court, 490 U.S. 296, 298 (1989). In certain exceptional circumstances, the court may request the voluntary assistance of counsel pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1). Terrell v. Brewer, 935 F.2d 1015, 1017 (9th Cir. 1991); Wood v. Housewright, 900 F.2d 1332, 1335-36 (9th Cir. 1990). In the present case, the court does not find the required exceptional circumstances. Plaintiff's request for the appointment of counsel will therefore be denied.

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Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's December 12, 2006  
request for the appointment of counsel is denied.

DATED: December 15, 2006.

  
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DALE A. DROZD  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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